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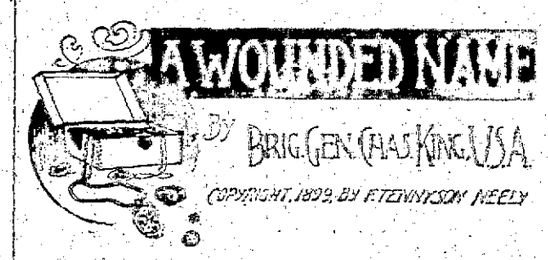

CHAPTER XV

April had gone and May, and June was well nigh half over. The old semaphore of Telegraph hill would have worn itself out signaling side wheel steamers had it still been in operation. The transcontinental railway was stretching out up the valley of the Platte toward the center of the continent, but Wells, Fargo and the pony express charging a dollar a letter were the only transcontinental rapid transit of the day.

People still went to and from the distant east by way of Aspinwall and Panama, and the big boats of the Pacific Mail were crowded, going or coming, and one bright June day two women in mourning were counted aboard the Sonora and shown to their little stateroom, one a decidedly pretty girl, the other a sad faced, careworn, delicate looking widow of 40 or 42 years, apparently, the senior.

They called with only one friend to see them off—an aid-de-camp of the commanding general—yet not without much curiosity on the part of the younger woman as to the composition of the passenger list. Even before they were beyond the rocky crags of Alcatraz—for few things are impossible to a pretty woman—she had been able to secure a copy and to say, with bated breath, to the languid lieutenant: "At least, he's not going on this ship. It might be better if he were"—for Miss Geraldine Allyn had not lost faith in her power to charm.

And one reason why the "he" referred to was not going on this ship was that the sisters Nevins and Allyn had "booked" their passage nearly two weeks before, it being useless to remain longer on the Pacific coast in hopes of finding the fugitive husband, for the consul at Guaymas was authorized to report the death at Hermosillo, "through wounds and exposure, of the gallant but unfortunate captain: whose mind must have given way under his accumulation of troubles." A special ring that Nevins used to wear and some letters were all he had to leave, and these had been duly forwarded to the address of his wife, whose pathetic inquiries for further particulars elicited nothing more reliable than that Nevins was dead and buried and that was the end of him. The quartermaster got "transportation" for them to New Orleans. A sum sufficient for their immediate needs was placed in their hands. Another sum, which did not receive immediate acknowledgment, was also sent to the disconsolate widow, and now they were going, all that was all.

Going, too, was Loring, though not on that trip—shaking, so to speak, the dust of California from his feet, a resolve but much disgusted man. For nearly five weeks he had lived a life that would have tried the endurance of the patriarch of Holy Writ and wrecked the sunny nature of a Lapley. Hounded day after day by the so called agent of the Escalantes, with insolent demands for property that was never in Loring's possession, threatened with arrest if he did not make restitution or proffer an equivalent, sent practically to Coventry by officials at headquarters, to whom he was too proud or too sensitive to dictate upon the wrongs or to tell more than once the straight story of his innocence, saved from military arrest only by the "stalwart" letter written by the Yuma surgeon, in response to his urgent appeals, comforted measurably by Blake's eloquent, but emphatically indiscreet outburst at the expense of department headquarters; unable to bring to bear for nearly five weeks the mass of testimony as to character forthcoming from the superintendent and officers at West Point, and the letters of classmates and comrades who knew him and felt that the charges must be false, our engineer passed through an ordeal the like of which few men have had to encounter.

Then the unexpected happened. The captain of the Idaho slowly recovered his mind and strength, and, with convalescence, came keen recollection of all that had occurred. He, too, made full report to the owners of Loring's coolness and determination the night of the wreck, and was summoned to be told of the charges against that officer.

"Who says so? Who makes such accusations?" he demanded angrily, and was informed that his friend and shipmate, Purser Traynor, was the person, whereat the big skipper gave a long, long whistle, looked dazed again, smote his thigh with a heavy fist, and presently said, "Just you wait a little," wherewith he took himself off. Traynor and the first officer had been very "thick" for a fortnight or so, though that dinner had never come off. Traynor and the first officer had both been promised excellent berths the moment the new steamer arrived that was to take the place of the Idaho. But the captain went cruising out beyond Sacramento, where the purser had a little nest and brood, and came back later with a tale he poured into the ears of the company, the result of which was that Traynor was informed he would be wise to seek other employment, there would be no place for him on the new Montana, and Traynor took first boat for the Columbia and got far away from San Francisco.

No specific charges had been laid at his door, said the owners, when questioned. Nothing had been proved, nothing probably would be, that they knew of, but the captain had sailed with Traynor several years and had shown of his own as to that gentleman's integrity, which, when communicated to Mr. Traynor, did not seem to surprise him and remained uncontradicted.

Then came the captain to department headquarters. The British sailor has scant reverence for soldiers of his own land and less for those of any other, no matter what the rank, and this particular son of the sea was more Briton than Yankee, despite the fact that he had "sailed the California trade" long years of his life and had taken out his papers in the early statehood of that wonderful land. Ever since the days of Stockton and Kearney he had fed fat the ancient grudge he bore the army and steered as clear of soldier association as was possible for a man whose ship was dependent in great measure on army patronage. Days before his unheralded coming to general headquarters the rumors of Loring's bravery and coolness the night of the wreck had been floating about the building. But the engineer had drawn into his shell. His name and went to and from the office assigned to him, working apparently over said reports and maps, and never entered another room in the building unless sent for. It was believed that he had written urgently to the chief of engineers requesting to be relieved from further duty at San Francisco. He was neither cleared nor convicted of the allegations at Bincgenese. There seemed no way of bringing about either result in the absence or silence of witnesses. But meantime he had silently resented the apparent coolness of certain of the officers, upon whom this wide neglect and abandonment from all except most formal and distant association. No wonder he desired to be relieved from further service with or near them.

Mrs. Nevins had insisted on removing to a cheap lodging in Sacramento as soon as able to move at all, and had taken her dependent sister with her, acutely against that young woman's wish, as she had made an impression, a decided impression upon an unmarried aid de camp who was reported to be wealthy, but whose attentions fell short of the matrimonial point as the poverty of the sisters became revealed to him. There was therefore, no longer to Loring the possible embarrassment of meeting or seeing "the girl who had so wronged him, yet there was constant evidence of the seeds that she had sown. Some man, he felt sore, must have kept alive the rumors to his discredit, and the extreme constraint of manner, the avoidance shown by this very gentleman, stamped him in all probability as the person at fault. Loring was only waiting now for goods.

It so happened the very day the staunch old ship came searching through the

"You sent for me, sir?"

building in quest of his friend that the general with two aids and others of his staff had assembled in the office of Colonel Strain. Several of them had known and sailed with the Idaho's master and liked his captain well, despite his frequent flings at soldiers. His appearance at the doorway, therefore, was the signal for quite a cordial welcome. The general himself came forward to take him by the hand and say how sorry he was at the loss of his ship and how he hoped soon to see him on the docks of a bigger and better one. But the shipcaptain thought as little of land generals as of lubbers of lower grade, and was not as grateful as he should perhaps have been, and was evidently looking for something beyond the sympathetic gloom, and presently said so.

"I've come to see Mr. Loring, by George! I haven't laid eyes on him since the night he backed me up in steering order and discipline on my ship. That man ought to have been a sailor! Where'll I find him?" he concluded, abruptly staring round at the circle of somewhat embarrassed faces.

"We heard some rumor about this captain," said the general. "Suppose you come into my office and tell me the whole story."

"Why not right here, where they can all hear?" was the instant answer. "I'm told that more'n one man has been at work trying to rob him of the credit, and as for Mr. Jennings, who was our first officer, I gave the company a piece of my mind the moment I heard it, and I've got a tongue farbing it since for him. 'Tain't the first I've had to give him, either, and it won't be the last if he ever sees fust of me again. They tell me, what's more, that Escalante's agent has had the impudence to come here a dozen times threatening Mr. Loring. Next time he comes you have him locked out and charge it to me. That man's a thief, and so is one of the Escalantes—if not more than one. As for Loring, he's head and shoulders above any of the young fellows that have sailed with me, and when I was flattened out by the rush of that cowardly gang he stood up to 'em like a man. That one shot of his brought 'em up with a jerk and put an end to the trouble."

He broke off short and glanced about him to note the effect of his words. It was an awkward moment. Three of the group had had their doubts as to the possibility of Loring's being culpable, but so disturbed and partially convinced had been the general and his chief of staff, so active had been the aid-de-camp referred to in his collection and dissemination of scandal at Loring's expense, that no one felt able to say anything until the general himself had spoken. The chief evidently felt his dignity insulted and his commanding attitude imperiled. No further revelations ought to be allowed except such as should be filtered through him or his decredited staff officer.

"Come into my den, captain," he exclaimed, therefore. "You interest me greatly, and I want to hear all about it."

"I'll come quick enough," said the captain briefly, "after I've seen Loring. I want to shake hands with him, I say, before I do anything else. Where'll I find him?" And with most depressing disregard of the general's greatness, the sailor would have turned his back on the entire party in order to find his injured friend, but the chief was a strategist.

"Ah, go to Mr. Loring, captain," said he to a ready staff officer, "and say to him that I desire he should come to my room a moment!" And the aid-de-camp was off like a shot, so the narrator could only wait. The general led the way into his comfortable room and signaled to one or two to follow, and presently back came his messenger and a moment after him—grave, composed, but freezingly formal—there at the door stood the engineer. His eyes brightened up the instant he laid them on the Idaho's sturdy commander, but etiquette demanded that he should first address the general.

"You sent for me, sir?"

"I did, Mr. Loring. Our good friend, Captain Moreland, has been telling us of your most—er—praiseworthy conduct the night of the disaster. We all, I wish to assure you, are—er—gratified to know of this. And now it has occurred to me that Captain Moreland might be able to throw some light on the very unpleasant matter which we had to bring to your attention a few weeks since. Sure-ly he must know something of these——people who were your accusers."

The general was seated at his big desk. He was flanked by the adjutant general and backed by a brace of aids. Moreland, the mariner, was standing at the table and started forward as Loring entered as though to grasp his hand. The general still considered it essential to observe a certain air of formality in speaking. It was as though he had begun to believe Loring an injured man, and therefore he himself must bear aggrieved one, for surely the Lieutenant should have spared the general the mortification of being placed in the wrong.

Back to this tentative remark Mr. Loring made no reply. He stood calmly before the department commander, looking straight into his face, but did not open his lips.

"Sir," repeated the general in some tone, "the captain appears to think you may be able to tell us something about the people who were your accusers."

"Possibly, sir," said Loring, finding that he was expected to say something, and with an indifference of manner most culpable to one so far inferior in rank.

"I was in hopes, Mr. Loring," said the general, evidently nettled, "that you would appreciate the evident desire of myself and confidential officers to see you relieved of these—er—aspersions. For that reason I urged Captain Moreland to make his statement public."

And still looking straight at the department commander, whose florid face was turning purple, Loring was silent. Perhaps after a month of accusation, real or implied, on the part of the general and the "confidential officers" he found it difficult to account for the sudden manifestation of desire to acquit. He was thinking, too, of a tear stained little letter that had come to him only a few days earlier—the last from Pancha before the child was formally entered at the school of the good gray sisters. He was wondering if she at 16 were really more alone in her little world than he in the broad and liberal sphere of soldier life. Then the night of Moreland's weather beaten face, perturbed and aggrieved, gave him a sense of sympathy that through all the weeks of his virtual ostracism had been lacking. He had other letters, too, worth more than a dollar apiece, which was what their carriage cost him. Odding him have no fear, documents of weight were coming that would teach the authorities of the Pacific coast the error of their views and ways. But of these he did not care to speak. He chose to wait the coming of the documents themselves. The silence, however, was oppressive, so at the sailor spoke

"If the only accusers this gentleman has are Escalantes, or associates of the Escalantes, you'd better beg his pardon and have done with it," said he, and thereby put the matter in its most luckless way.

Angrily the general turned to the aid-de-camp following on his left.

"Do you know whether the Escalantes are the only accusers, captain?" said he deliberately.

"I regret to say that they are one," was the answer. "And sir Loring has shown strange reluctance, to put it mildly, to meet the others."

"I have answered once and for all, every charge brought to my ears," said Loring, turning on the speaker, with eyes that flared, and Moreland, who had seen him cool and composed in the face of panic, marveled now to note the intensity of his emotion, for Loring was white and trembling, though his gaze was steady as the hand that held back the terror stricken crew that wild night on the waters.

"Perhaps you are unaware of the more recent developments—and the source of information," said the aid uneasily

"I am, and I demand the right to know or to meet both without delay

"Now come out with your story."

Captain Moreland"—and there he turned on the wondering sailor—"can you be here tomorrow?"

"Certainly I can and will," was the prompt answer.

"That wouldn't help," said the aid-de-camp, on whom all eyes were fixed again. "My informant couldn't be here."

"Very good; we'll go to your lieutenant, then," answered Loring.

Another silence. It was not Loring now who seemed hesitant or reluctant. It was the aid. There came a knock at the door. An orderly appeared with several telegraphic dispatches. Colonel Strain stepped forward, took them, shut the door in the orderly's face, handed them to the general and resumed his seat. Glad of a diversion, the commander glanced at the superscription. "Here is one for you, sir," said he to the engineer, who received it, but did not open it. He was again facing the embarrassed aid, who finally found words:

"Mr. Loring, my informant was here a whole month and said you refused to appear. Now—they are beyond recall, unless—it should come to trial."

The answer came like a flash.

"Your informant, sir—and there was but one—would never appear in the event of trial. That informant sailed three days ago on the Sonora, and you know it." Then, as a sudden thought struck him, he tore open his dispatch and read, then turned again to his faltering opponent. "So long as that informant could be confronted you kept me ignorant of any new allegations, if there were any. Now come out with your story, and by the next steamer I'll run it down."

CHAPTER XVI.

The worst of having a man of Moreland's views present on such an occasion is that the whole thing is sure to be noised abroad with scant reference to military propriety. Moreland told the owners of the steamer line, the Chamber of Commerce, the easily gathered audiences on Rush and Montgomery streets, the usual customers at Barry & Patten's, the loungers in the lobbies of the hotels—everybody who would listen, and who would not—how that brave fellow Loring, who ought to have been a sailor, faced down that quartet of "blue bellied lobsters" at headquarters. The general was not a popular character. His principal claim to distinction during the great war seemed to be that of being able to criticise every other general's battles and to win none of his own.

"He never went into a fight that he didn't get licked," declared the exuberant Moreland, "and how he'd bowled over by his youngest lieutenant."

The story of that interview went over the bay like wildfire and stirred up the fellows at the Presidio and Angel island, while the islanders of Alcatraz came rustling to town to learn the facts as retailed at the Occidental and to hear something more about that quiet, silent fellow Loring. Among the junior subalterns in the artillery were one or two who knew him at the Point, and they scouted the story of his having ever stolen a cent's worth, or the idea of extracting anything about the matter from his lips. The latest yarn in circulation was that after the new famous interview Loring had "laid for" Captain Petty, the aid-de-camp referred to, a young Gothamite of good family who had got into the regulars in the war and out of company duty from that time to this, and, having met the aid-de-camp, Loring had thereupon calmly pulled the gentleman's aquiline nose for him.

Petty could not be found. He had gone to Fort Yuma on important business for the department commander, was the explanation. The general properly refused to be interviewed by reporters of the papers, and couldn't be approached by anybody else on the subject. Only two things were positively known. Lieutenant Loring had received a telegraphic notification from the chief of engineers of his relief from duty in the department and his assignment to similar work in the department of the Platte, and it was rumored, though it could not be confirmed, that the general had been directed by telegraph to designate a staff officer to receipt to Lieutenant Loring at once for the public property for which he was accountable in order that the latter officer might take an early steamer for the Isthmus, as his services were urgently needed at his new station. It was an open secret that the general considered himself aggrieved by the action of the authorities at Washington, and said so. He had made no charge against Lieutenant Loring. He had merely called that gentleman's attention to the very serious allegations laid at his door, and this was true. On the other hand, people who had been permitted to know anything about the matter, quietly certain senior officers of the engineer corps not under the general's orders, and one or two staff department officers who, unhappily for themselves, were under his orders and subject to his semioccasional rebuke, now openly said that not one allegation against Loring came from a reliable or respectable source, and that it was an outrage to have held him even to interestial account on the statement of such a cad as Escalante's agent, who hadn't been near the office since the recovery of Captain Moreland, the insinuations of Mr. Purser Traynor, now totally vanished, and the rumored confessions of a fair incognita, known only to Captain Petty, a man who had few associates in the "line" or outside the limited circle of the general's personal staff, and who was not too well liked even there.

And, as the revulsion of feeling set in, Petty set out for Yuma. "Where there is an dashed much smoke," said he, as it later transpired, "there must be some fire," and the general had birden him go to Yuma, to Gila Bend, to Guaymas, to the devil, if need be, and find out all the facts. But the lionesmen at Presidio and the jovial blades at Moreland's elbow were loud in their laughing statement that if Petty were looking for fire he could have found it here in abundance. Loring could have given him more than he wanted.

Then came the order in the case of Captain Nevins, dismissing that worthy from the service on charges of conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman, and awarding a year's imprisonment at such penitentiary, etc., as the reviewing authority should direct, and by the same post the official order transferring Lieutenant Loring of the engineers to duty in the department of the Platte, and then what did the steamship company do but issue invitations for a dinner to be given in honor of that distinguished young officer, and great was the noise thereof until it was known that the gentleman had gracefully, but firmly, declined.

Then the papers said "it was rumored" that the general had forbidden his acceptance, despite the fact that the general had expressed publicly his gratification that the company had at last done something in recognition of its indebtedness to the army which was most adroit and equally impersonal. And all the while Loring himself was having anything but an enviable time of it. A man so reticent and retiring could not but be annoyed by the persistent calls and cross questions of all manner of people in whom he had but small personal interest. He wished to have nothing whatever to say upon the subject, denied himself to reporters and relapsed into impenetrable reserve when importuned by brother officers whom he but slightly knew.

One or two with whom he would gladly have held counsel were far removed, one at least forever, from his circle. The stalwart old inspector, Turnbull, lay sleeping his last sleep in the cemetery at Monterey. The veteran who served as president of the Nevins court was in far Arizona, and Blake, sound of heart, if not of head, was under a cloud at Yuma. His forceful expressions concerning the imbecility of department officials led to his being confined very closely to company work and minor, yet exacting, duties at the post, all because of his abandonment of Lieutenant Loring at a critical moment, and his few defenders of the department's letter to the post commander on that subject. "All because of his too vehement defense of Loring," said everybody else.

With feverish eagerness Loring awaited the sailing of the next steamer. Every item for which he stood accountable was then at his office, invoices and receipts made out in full. Nothing was needed but the officer designated to relieve him. The Columbia was to leave on Saturday, and up to Thursday evening no relief had appeared. Friday morning the adjutant general received a written communication most respectful, yet urgent in terms, requesting that the officer might be designated without further delay, and as no answer was received up to noon Loring followed it with a personal call upon the chief of staff, who said the general had the matter under advisement.

"My luggage goes aboard the Columbia tonight, sir, and I should be aboard by 10 o'clock tomorrow," said Loring. Colonel Strain coughed dubiously.

"It might be impracticable to relieve you from duty so soon. The general is in communication with the war department upon the subject, and possibly if—you—had had the courtesy to call upon the general or upon me, his chief of staff, and to explain your wishes the thing might have been arranged."

Loring flushed. He saw through the motive at a glance, and could have found it easy to express his opinion in very few words. There are times when a man is so goaded that an outburst is the only natural relief, but it is none the less fatal. There might even be method in the colonel's manner, and Loring curbed with long practiced hand both tongue and temper. It would have been warrantable to say that the manner of both the general and his chief of staff had been too repellant to invite calls, but he knew that whatever the merits of the case, superior officers, like inferior papers, always have the last word. He might be only inviting reprimand. Without a word, therefore, he faced about, went straight to the telegraph office down the avenue and wired to Washington:

Blanque mills noon Saturday. not yet relieved. What instructions?

By that hour there would be no one in the office of the chief of engineers at Washington, but Loring addressed it direct to the house of the assistant, upon whose interest in the case he had reason to rely, and then returned at once to his desk. Were he not to be there it would place it in the power of a would be oppressor to say the officer designated to receive the property had called during office hours and could not find Mr. Loring. And then, with such patience as he could command, Loring received the visitors who kept dropping in, among them the boisterous Moreland, whose bay of Biscay voice had become almost as trying to his host as to the other occupants of the building, and during the long afternoon awaited the action of the general upon his morning's letter and that of the war department upon his telegram.

Four o'clock came at last. Office hours were over. Neither relief nor reply had reached him. He heard the halls resounding to the footsteps of officers and clerks as they closed their doors and left the building. Bidding his assistant remain a moment, he strode to the farther end of the long passage. The general was at the moment issuing from his private office, conversing with two of his staff. The adjutant general, a bundle of papers in his hand, was hastily crossing the hall toward his own office. Loring raised his hat in grave salutation to his commander, who bowed with dignified reserve in return, and a moment later the engineer was facing the colonel at his desk.

"Colonel Strain," said he, "I have much to do. Will you name the hour at which I am to meet my relief?"

"Mr. Loring," said the official tartly, "when we are ready to relieve you, the order will be issued—and not before."

"Colonel Strain," answered Loring, "I shall be at my desk all evening, ready to receive that order." And wheeling about he met the general at the door. An open telegram was in the latter's hand, a queer look on his flushed and angry face. Relieving his impatient clerk, Loring seated himself to answer a letter, and there fell from the package he drew from his pocket a little note, and with a sudden pang of shame and sorrow he stooped and picked it up. It was only a tiny missive, only a few and, almost pleading words. Did he mean to go without a word of goodby to Pancha? His heart reproached him as he remembered that this had reached him two days before.

He was writing a note to the lady superior, telling her of his expectation of sailing on the morrow and asking if he might be permitted to call to say adieu to his little friend of the shipwreck when an orderly entered.

"Colonel Strain's compliments, and he desires to see the lieutenant at once." It was not customary for officers to be so summarily

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I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Prothonotary and Recorder, subject to the rules of the Republican party of McKean county.

D. W. MITCHELL.

Smethport, Pa., Feb. 10, 1899

SHERIFF.

EDITOR MINER:—You are hereby authorized to announce my name as a candidate for the nomination of Sheriff of McKean County, subject to the rules governing the Republican party.

WM. B. CLARKE.

Smethport, Pa., March 6, 1899.

EDITOR MINER:—Please announce me as a candidate for the nomination of Sheriff of McKean County, subject to the Republican primaries.

HUGH CHADWICK.

Smethport, Pa., March 7, 1899.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

EDITOR MINER:—You are authorized to announce my name as a candidate for the nomination of District Attorney, subject to the rules governing the Republican party.

C. W. CAPLIN.

Port Allegany, Pa., March 1st, 1899.

EDITOR MINER:—You are authorized to announce my name as a candidate for the nomination of District Attorney, subject to the rules of the Republican party.

JOHN P. MALVIN.

Bradford, Pa., March 4, 1899.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

EDITOR MINER:—You are authorized to announce my name as a candidate for the nomination of County Commissioner subject to the rules governing the Republican party.

ALBERT PETERSON.

Keno, Pa., Jan'y 5, 1899.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination of County Commissioner, subject to the rules governing the Republican party of McKean county.

J. C. PASSAGE, JR.

Lewis Run, Pa.

We are authorized to announce that C. W. Freeman of Keating is a candidate for the nomination of County Commissioner, subject to the rules governing the Republican party of McKean county.

EDITOR MINER:—You are hereby authorized to announce my name as a candidate for County Commissioner, subject to the decision of the Republican primaries.

MURRAY H. GATES.

Smethport, Pa., March 9, 1899.

EDITOR MINER:—I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of County Commissioner, subject to the rules of the Republican party of McKean county.

A. M. BOOKMYER.

Derrick City, Pa., March 13.

EDITOR MINER:—You are authorized to announce my name as a candidate for the nomination of County Commissioner, subject to the Republican primaries.

WM. A. YOUNG.

Smethport, March 13, 1899.

COUNTY AUDITOR.

E. E. Bull of Kane announces himself as a candidate for County Auditor, subject to the rules governing the Republican party of McKean county.

A. L. Gaiing of Keating township announces himself as a candidate for County Auditor, subject to the rules governing the Republican party.

Candidates to the right of us,
Candidates to the left of us,
You will find them at every turn,
But after the convention
You'll scarce hear a mention,
For them we'll have candidates to burn.

It is estimated that 300 lives were lost during the month of February by severe storms at sea.

THE Legislature of the State of Delaware closed its session last Monday without electing a United States Senator.

ONE of our exchanges pertinently asks: "If votes for the McCarrell bill were worth from $600 to $1,000, what would a Senatorial vote be worth?

THAT "yawning disaster" of which Mr. Cleveland so feelingly spoke, seems to have contracted the lockjaw.—Pittsburg News.

Cleveland was undoubtedly looking backward to 1894-5.

CLINE K. SANDT of Northampton county, was paid $1000, by the business men league of Philadelphia, the first of the week, for furnishing evidence in the attempted bribery cases at Harrisburg.

FROM all over the country come encouraging reports of increase in business. McKinley and protection are fulfilling the promises of 1896. Republican prosperity is here to remain for a long time.

ALL investigation roads in St. Louis lead to Democratic crookedness, and plenty of it.—Globe Democrat. The same condition seems to prevail in Pennsylvania. But it all hinges on the supremacy of the one man power, the election of Quay.

WHEN the next board of county commissioners is elected it is to be hoped that the Republican members will have the moral courage to stand up for those who helped elect them, and not do like a member of the present board has done and is doing—going out of his way to grant favors to Democrats.

MR. DAVID T. WATSON of Pittsburg has refused the appointment to the Supreme bench, made vacant by the death of Judge Williams. This is right and proper. Why should a Democrat be appointed to fill the vacancy caused death by the of so honorable a man and so sound a Republican as Judge Williams.

BRYAN'S letters to the members of the Pennsylvania Legislature from Democratic United States Senators urging the re-election of Quay, seem to have borne bitter fruit, as some of the Senators are now sending telegrams to Harrisburg regretting their hasty course in following Bryan's wishes.

IT must be a little humiliating for those journals who are supporting Mr. Quay to publish the fact that our State treasury is $6,000,000 short, when only a short three years we were able to deposit $100,000.00 to secure a loan for the Quay family to speculate on.—Ann Arbor Argonaut.

"Hold on there, Quaker." You must not say anything against the boss, or his Lieutenants in Potter county will threaten to starve you out, just as his followers in McKean county are threatening to starve the MINER out because the MINER will not wear the Quay collar.

THE next Republican State convention will have a membership of 242, a loss of 121 from what it was in 1896. This was caused by the great falling off in the vote for Governor W. A. Stone as to that given for President McKinley in 1896. Another period of Quayism and the Republican membership in the State convention a year or two hence would hardly be worth mentioning. Last year McKean county had three delegates; this year she will have but two. McKinley carried the county in 1896 by a plurality of 2,004. Last year Governor Stone carried the county by a plurality of 940, a falling off of 1,064 votes.

IN the proper place will be found the announcement of A. M. Boardman of Derrick City where he announces himself as a candidate for county commissioner, subject to the rules governing the Republican party of McKean county. Mr. Boardman has been a resident of McKean county for upwards of 19 years and has made a success of the mercantile business at Derrick City. He has always been a staunch Republican, as evidenced by the many local offices that he has held. If the Republicans of McKean county should decide to make him one of their standard bearers for commissionership honors he would come under the wire in November a sure winner.

IN this week's issue of the MINER W. A. Young of this town, one of the present board of county commissioners, announces himself as a candidate for re-election, subject to the rules governing the Republican party of McKean county. Mr. Young needs no introduction to the voters of old McKean. There is scarcely a man, woman or child in the whole county but who has a speaking acquaintance with Will. His Republicanism is of that sterling quality which admits of no dross. He has always stood by the ticket and supported the party and is to-day a zealous worker for the upbuilding of true Republicanism in the State.

THE few newspapers in the State that are advocating the re-election of M. S. Quay to the United Senate have dubbed the Anti Quay newspapers and members of the Legislature "insurgents." If advocating the election of such honorable men as John Dalzell, Geo. Huff, C. W. Stone, Galusha A. Grow and many others to the place in United States Senate made vacant by the expiration of Quay's term, be insurrection, then may He who guides the destinies of nations hasten the day when such insurrection shall be accomplished. Those insurgents as they are called, are doing their utmost to place Pennsylvania in her proper sphere, as compared with other States, in her representation in the United States Senate. Every one in the Commonwealth is well aware of the fact that Pennsylvania has not been properly represented in the upper House of Congress, as compared with the representation of some of the sister States. Every device has been tried by the Quay faction to re-elect M. S. Quay to the Senate. An ex-State Senator went so far as to attempt to bribe Democratic members of the Legislature to call for a re-consideration of the McCarrell bill and thus secure its passage in order to aid Quay to escape the toils of the law. Those who fought with Warren on Bunker Hill and those brave patriots who suffered and starved with Washington at Valley Forge were called insurgents and they suffered for a noble cause—that of giving liberty to their fellow men. While the so called insurgents in this case are not engaged in a war for liberty, they are engaged, and that most earnestly, in securing a man to represent our grand old State in the upper House of Congress in whom the sons of Pennsylvania can take an honest pride. Under existing circumstances it affords the MINER great pleasure to be ranked among the insurgents.

HOW EMERY IS QUARRIED.

Emery comes from the islands of Naxos, in the Eastern Mediterranean, whence it has been exported for the last two centuries or more. The beds are in the northeast of the island, the deposits descending into some of the neighboring islands, the emery being found in lenticular masses, resting on layers schist in limestone, almost identical with Parian marble, the finest marble known, which comes from the island of Paros close by.

There are about three hundred men engaged in the trade, all of whom have to be married before they are admitted to the fraternity. The material is much too hard to be dug out, or even blasted. Great fires are lighted around the blocks till the natural cracks expand with the heat, and levers are then inserted to pry them apart. This system is continued until the blocks are reduced in size to masses of a cubic foot or less, and they are then shipped as if they were coal. There are said to be twenty million tons yet available at Naxos, and the last reported year's export was 3,950 tons. It is one of the hardest substances known.—Ironmongery.

DUN'S REPORT.

By far the best assurance of good business in the future is found in the general rise of wages. Traders and manufacturers can sell only when wage earners can buy, and in proportion to their buying power. The general advance in earnings of cotton mill operatives, in most cases 10 per cent., of iron and steel workers generally 10 per cent., and tin plate and sheet workers from 5 to 10 per cent., and of coal miners, in some large districts, about as much, has set a pace which most establishments will follow which have reduced wages in past years of depression. Those who fail to comprehend what such a change may mean have only to consider that a tenth increase in the wages of all labor would put into the markets a new buying demand, in amount about three-quarters of the entire value of exports to all countries. The volume of business shows no signs of decrease, and for the first full week of March has been about 31.7 per cent. greater than in the same week of last year and 50.9 per cent greater than in 1892.

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This remedy is intended especially for coughs, colds, croup, whooping cough and influenza. It has become famous for its cures of these diseases over a large part of the civilized world. The most flattering testimonials have been received, giving accounts of its good works of the aggravating and persistent coughs it has cured, of severe colds that have yielded promptly to its soothing effects and of the dangerous attacks of croup it has cured, often saving the life of the child. The extensive use of it for whooping cough has shown that it robs that disease of all dangerous consequences. Sold by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, March 13, 1899.

Before leaving Washington for a much needed rest, President McKinley made the appointments of second lieutenants in the Regular Army provided for by the new army act. There are necessarily many disappointments, as for every lieutenancy there were a score of applicants. The appointments were divided pro rata among the States, the only condition imposed by the President being that each of the young men appointed should be mentally and physically qualified to fill the position asked for him. The responsibility for these appointments rests upon the Senators and Representatives who recommended the men, but as the President made the requirements plain, it is not likely that any mistakes were made.

Accompanying the President on his vacation are Mrs. McKinley, the Vice President and Mrs. Hobart, Senator Hanna, at whose Thomasville, Ga., residence the party will be guest, and several friends. How long the President will remain away from Washington will depend entirely upon public business. Unless called back by something urgent, he will probably stay at Thomasville a couple of weeks possibly longer. Although it is not his intention to transact any routine public business while away, Secretary Porter will remain at the whitehouse for the purpose of making telegraphic reports to him of anything important and receiving any orders it may be necessary for him to give.

In a statement just made public concerning the work of the last Congress Chairman Cannon of the House appropriation committee gives a more detailed statement of the appropriations made than was possible for him to make earlier, and says: "During the whole of four years covered by Mr. Cleveland's second administration, the material and industrial condition of the country was calamitous, and its contemplation does not bring satisfaction to any American citizen. But the Fifty-fifth Congress, beginning with the administration of Wm. McKinley and promptly called in extraordinary session, as promptly enacted legislation which has yielded the additional revenues needed to pay the ordinary expenses of the government, and has at the same time protected American labor. With the enactment of that legislation, hope and confidence struck hands and the condition of the whole country improved and has continued to improve from that time to the present. Labor is now universally employed with increased wages, and with such employment the means are supplied for increased consumption. The vast increase of the navy, and the creation of an army of a quarter of a million men, together with the increase of taxation, have not in any appreciable degree checked our industrial advance which began coincidentally with the incoming of the present administration and the Fifty-fifth Congress."

The Navy Department has no information that Admiral Dewey's health is in a precarious condition; months ago Admiral Dewey was given leave to come home whenever he desired to do so, and he has since remained at his post from choice, and because he desired to complete the work in which he is engaged. This is strictly official.

Gen. Brooke, Military Governor of Cuba, and Gen. Otis, Military Governor of the Philippines, have each been authorized to enlist a battalion of natives for the regular army if they consider it wise to try the experiment. The officers will, of course, be Americans.

Administration officials are not at all concerned over the renewed report that Germany had succeeded in purchasing the Caroline Islands from Spain; they regard it a matter that concerns only Spain and Germany, and are consequently indifferent as to whether the report is true or otherwise. Now that General Lawton and the reinforcements he carried with him have joined General Otis at Manila, it is expected that a rushing campaign will at once be set in motion against the Filipinos, and decisive results are looked for very soon. In late dispatches, General Otis says he has information that the whippings already administered have made the rank and file of the Filipinos anxious to give up, and it is all their leaders can do to keep them in the field. As the campaign against them is likely to consist largely of bush fighting, Gen. Lawton's extensive experience in Indian fighting will make his services invaluable. The sort of man Lawton is may be judged by one of the names given by hostile Indians in the West some years ago—"Man-who-gets-up-and-fights-in-the-middle-of-the-night." The War Department has not required Gen. Otis to submit his plans for the campaign against the Filipinos, believing it to be better to leave him free handed to carry out the campaign in his own way, doing exactly as he may think best to scatter Aguinaldo's forces and if possible, to capture that slippery individual.

The old old story of the Republicans being divided into Reed and Anti Reed men has once more been given a start by those who would enjoy nothing more than to see the Republicans split into such faction. There is no more foundation for the story now than there has been for its numerous predecessors. If Speaker Reed lives, he will be elected Speaker of the next House, unless he positively declines to serve as such.

WASHINGTON.

Last Low Rate Excursion via Pennsylvania Railroad.

The last of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co's special excursions from points on the Philadelphia & Erie Railroad, Erie to Lock Haven, inclusive, to Washington, will be run on March 24. Round trip tickets, good returning on any regular train leaving Washington not later than April 3, will be sold at greatly reduced rates. Holders of special excursion tickets to Washington can purchase at the Pennsylvania Railroad ticket offices in Washington, excursion tickets to Richmond at rate of $4.00 and to Old Point Comfort (all rail) at $6.00; at the offices of the Norfolk and Washington Steamboat Company, excursion tickets (not including meals and the staterooms on steamers) to Old Point Comfort or Norfolk, Va., at $3.50 and to Virginia Beach at $4.50; Washington to Mount Vernon and return, via Electric Railway, 50 cents.

For full information consult small handbills, apply to ticket agents, or address E. S. Harral, Division Ticket Agent, Williamsport, Pa.

How to Look Good.

Good looks are really more than skin deep, depending entirely on a healthy condition of all the vital organs. If the liver be inactive, you have a bilious look; if your stomach be disordered you have a dyspeptic look; if your kidneys be disordered, you have a pinched look. Secure good health, and you will surely have good looks. "Electric Bitters" is a good alterative and tonic. Acts directly on the stomach, liver and kidneys. Purifies the blood, cures pimples, blotches and boils, and gives a good complexion. Every bottle guaranteed. Sold at A. B. Armstrong & Co.'s drug store, 50 cents per bottle.

Notice to Teachers.

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ABSCONDENT CONCERT.

The March term of argument court convened at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning, Hon. T. A. Morrison presiding. There were 14 cases on the list for argument, but a large number of these were continued, among which were the cases of Morrison & Company vs. Frank S. Baker, Eliza J. Spinney and Chas. M. Spinney, her husband vs. the borough of Smethport and the appeal of Wm. Haskell from the triennial assessment of real estate and taxable property, etc.

The bond of A. L. Randall, tax collector of Foster township, was approved by the court.

In the case of Woodberry & Campbell vs. M. J. Cain and J. L. Cain, a rule to show cause why judgment should not be stricken off granted returnable at the next argument court and all proceedings for collection stayed in the meantime.

William H. Kehler, Esq., of Tioga county was admitted to practice law in the courts of McKean county.

The transfer of the Willard Hotel license to John H. Douglas and Andrew J. Douglas was granted by the court and the bond was approved.

Use of Frank R. Brown vs. T. J. James and H. S. James. Motion for judgment granted.

In the matter of the estate of Bessie Parkhurst, a minor, P. C. West, the guardian, was discharged and D. H. Miller was appointed to fill the vacancy.

In the matter of the guardianship of Maud Rose, Hazel Edna and Edith Edella, minor children of Sarah L. Newland, a rule to show cause why bond of sureties of guardian should not be cancelled was granted, returnable at the next argument court.

The court appointed J. E. Mullin commissioner to take evidence in the case of Ella Crecroft vs. George Crecroft, divorce.

In the matter of the estate of Leo and Walter Flynn, the report of W. J. Hogan, guardian of real estate, was filed and confirmed by the court and the bond on sale of real estate was approved.

F. W. Hastings was appointed auditor in the matter of the assignment of Henry F. Andrews for the benefit of creditors.

Ertz & Joseph vs. the township of Corydon. Motion for an alias writ. Mandamus filed and the writ was awarded returnable on the first day of next term.

In the case of Jennie S. Bly vs. Carl D. Bly, divorce. A rule to show cause why alias subpoena in divorce should not be granted, returnable April 17th next.

Thomas L. Kane, now by substitution, Elizabeth D. Kane, executrix vs. Gust Svenndor. A rule to show cause why judgment should not be entered for $522, and interest from January 1, 1899.

Claudine D. Orley vs. Victor H. Orley, divorce. Testimony and arguments were heard. The court took the papers, but made no decision in the matter.

Minnie Quackenbush vs. Clarence Quackenbush. Decree in divorce granted.

Blanch Willsey vs. Henry Willsey. Decree in divorce granted.

Decrees in divorce were also granted in the cases of George W. Lewis vs. Meludee M. Lewis and Mary E. Cary vs. Charles A. Cary.

M. Edwards vs. B. C. Ryan et al. Order discharging rule to strike off appeal filed.

Decrees in divorce were granted in the cases of Ella Austin vs. Amos I. Austin and Sarah J. Shea vs. James Shea.

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I now have the most complete Blacksmithing establishment in this section and can do all kinds of iron work on short notice. A corps of competent workmen in this department.

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And repairing are now receiving more attention than ever before in this establishment. Mr. W. W. Baum, an expert, will attend to all business.
Trimmings, tops, backs, dashs and everything belonging will be made with taste and dispatch. Our stock in this line is complete.

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Wagons, carriages and signs executed with neatness and dispatch by Mr. G. H. Williamson, an artist who has been employed in the best shops in Pennsylvania.
I want your trade and am taking the best means to get it—giving you good work at a right price.

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You will find it very agreeable and profitable if you will get in the habit of coming here.

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LAMPS — Among our several hundred lamp styles, you will find some remarkable bargains. For instance, we are selling some lamps now for $3.50 that we picked up in New York. Last spring we paid almost twice that for the very same lamps.

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The Apollo incandescent gas burner lasts longer than any other, and gives a white, clear light. We sell them, shade, chimney and all, for 75c. Apollo mantles, 18c.

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We have sold hundreds of these ranges around Bradford, and have never yet had a complaint. They are not only the best gas ranges—but better than all other ranges in fully twenty points. Prices $13.50 up.

HORSE GOODS. — We can save you probably 20 per cent. on a harness. We can save you on blankets and show you fifty styles. We can furnish you anything that a horse owner needs.

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Prices on all Winter Goods reduced to make room for Spring stock.

Several lines of Men's, Women's and Children's Shoes at cost to close.

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For the second time in the five short years of our career as merchants, our rapidly increasing business has necessitated more selling space.

To meet this demand we have fitted up our

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as a department for

carpets
oil cloths
mattings
hats
boys' clothing
men's pants
footwear

First Floor

dress goods
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laces
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men's furnishings

Our stocks are bright and new for Spring, 1899, and offer special attractions in the lines we represent.

Grocery Department.

With the best qualities of eatables always fresh we have in this department as well as our others a steadily increasing volume of business.

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Dry Goods, Groceries, Shoes,

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SMETHPORT, FRIDAY, MCH. 17, 1899.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—Read Mrs. Nixon's local.

—The seventeenth of Ireland.

—Read J. Colegrove's bargain day ad.

—The glass blowers of Hazelhurst give a benefit ball to-morrow night.

—Chas. Latham is engaged in getting out a new directory for Bradford.

—S. Hicks, the optician, will be at the Palace Pharmacy March 20th to 25th.

—Shingle House, Potter county, is now on the "hello" line with the rest of the world.

—S. F. Wright has now the finest wash and toilet room to be found anywhere in this section.

—Comrade Peirce has his house full of customers. Even the basement is full of railroad hands.

—On Sunday the most popular resort in town was down on Water street watching the Degrees at work.

—Mrs. Mary Backus and T. H. Partle were among the fortunate real estate dealers in town this week.

—The Ol' Man Racket has a sensational shoe ad which it will pay you to read. He is a terror to high prices

—Last Monday night Judge Knapp joined in wedlock Clarendon Day and Minnie Milks both of New Albion, N. Y.

—Dr. J. D. Killheffer, optician, will be at M. L. Armstrong's on Monday, the 20th inst. For further particulars see advertisement.

—It is reported that General Wheeler will soon wed the widow of G. W. Childs, the former celebrated editor of the Philadelphia Ledger.

—Owners of dogs should bear in mind that after the first of April their pets will be at the mercy of the dog catcher unless they wear the "badge."

—Any information as to the whereabouts of Jack Hefferin, who used to be a brakeman on the B., B. & K. R. R., a little over a year ago, will be thankfully received by the MINER.

—On Monday night the borough council voted to reduce the street commissioner's pay from $2.50 per day to $1.75, common laborers $1.75 to $1.50 and team work from $4.00 to $3.50 per day.

—The citizens of East Smethport are contemplating the purchase of some good hose for fire protection. They have the use of the Estruct Co's powerful pump which gives an abundant water supply.

—D. M. Brasted offers some timely advice about Boss flour this week. When Dan says a thing is good you can just make up your mind that it is so. Read his ad and be wise.

—The young ladies of the south ward gave Miss Lydia Burlingame a pleasant surprise last Saturday. Miss Lydia was equal to the emergency and gave her visitors a royal entertainment.

—Clarence Powell and Wm. Grigsby are making extensive alterations in the house of Chas. Lemmler on Church street. When they are through Charley's home will be very much improved.

—At the council meeting last Monday night Dennis Quinlisk was appointed high constable and pound master. Peter Brouk was elected night watchman. This is a most excellent choice.

—The railroad excitement last Saturday caused considerable transferring of real estate. S. J. Gifford, F. W. Ramsey, C. W. Lilgendahl, Henry Bieyer and Henry Hallman were dealers in real estate.

—Six new subscribers added to the mailing list this week. This is encouraging owing to the fact that one bible bound Quayle withdrew from the list two weeks ago. The MINER can stand it at this rate.

—The following letters remain uncalled for in the Smethport postoffice, week ending March 11: Mrs. Maggie Dickeson, Mrs. Ralph Bailelil, J. H. Stilson. Persons calling for these letters please say "advertised."

—Last Wednesday forenoon the wind raised the old harry with the corrugated iron roof of the MINER office. The gentle zephyrs never ceased until half of the entire roof was gone. Fortunately no serious damage resulted.

—Coast, Stone & Coast of Olean have something to say about carriages this week. They are getting a good trade from this section and all speak in highest terms of the bargains to be found there. Peruse their ad carefully.

—The MINER takes great pleasure in informing the veterans of Post 317, that Rev. A. R. Kieffer of Bradford will address the veterans of 1861-65 on Decoration Day. Do not fail to attend and hear this eloquent speaker.

—East Olean and Boardmanville will have cheaper gas next year. They are now paying $55 per year, the new company will furnish gas by the year for $41.50. There will be a gas war and the consumers will be benefitted.

—E. T. Daly has a cow of which he feels justly proud. One day this week he went to the stable and found two nice calves. Mr. Daly is strongly considering the question as to which would pay the best, livery or dairy business.

—There is considerable sympathy expressed for Elisha K. Kane in this borough over the fight that is being waged against him in getting a right of way through town. But they all say he is a man of pluck and will overcome every obstacle.

—Tom Nolan of Bradford, who was shot a few days ago by the watchman at L. Emery, Jr.'s residence while attempting a burglary, will have a hard time to pull through. Pus is forming in the lung where the bullet penetrated and he is liable to die.

—The MINER has received a copy of the Saturday Evening Post of Philadelphia, established by Benjamin Franklin in 1728, one hundred and seventy-one years ago. It is a 16-page 4-column journal and for one so aged presents a very neat and attractive appearance.

—Gus McClure of Franklinville spent Saturday afternoon in this city. Mr. McClure, who for years has been on the road for Wm. Hengerer & Co. of Buffalo, has been selected from among their army of traveling salesmen to make a trip to the Pacific coast, in the interests of the big firm.—Olean Democrat.

—A young man named William Terrill was killed near Davis last Tuesday while braking on a car loaded with logs. The brake failed to work and the car ran away, crashing into another loaded car. Terrill was crushed between the ends of the logs and instantly killed. The unfortunate man was aged 21 years and married.

—Miss Agnes McCoy arrived from Smethport, Pa., on Saturday to spend several months in DeLand. The churches and local theatricals will not fail to urge her to assist them with her splendid voice, which is so highly appreciated in DeLand.—DeLand News. Miss Agnes seems to be appreciated fully as much in Florida as she is at home.

—At St. Luke's church on next Sunday the services will be at 8 and 10:30 a. m., and at 7:30 p. m. The evening sermon will be on the subject: "Bad Language." Mendelssohn's beautiful motet, "Hear My Prayer" (Psalm 55), will be sung by the choir. The Rev. Mr. Kieffer will preach on Monday evening on the subject: "Amusements and Recreation."

—Owing to the fact that the MINER has bills to settle it becomes necessary to call upon those who are indebted to the MINER to settle their accounts without delay. The nimble shilling is worth a great deal more in trade than the idle dollar, so start the shillings rolling toward the MINER office and the MINER will make others happy by passing it along. Settle.

—The services at the M. E. church on Sunday next will be as follows: In the morning at 10:30, subject: "The Shepherd's Promise, or Words Which Promise Victory." Evening at 7:30 o'clock, subject, "The Duty of the Church to Young People," an Epworth League sermon. A most cordial invitation is given by the pastor to the young people of the town.

—On Tuesday while up at his oil well on Marvin creek Mr. Wm. Haskell went to untie his horse. The animal reared up on its hind legs and either with its fore feet or teeth hit Mr. Haskell on the forehead, cutting quite a long gash and knocking him senseless for a time. He soon recovered and came home. Doctor Clark attended to the wound and yesterday Mr. Haskell was around as chipper as ever.

—Last Monday the MINER received a copy of La Union, published at Guines, Cuba, dated Sunday, March 5. The La Union is a four-page, five-column newspaper. The first and fourth pages are printed in English and the two inside pages in Spanish. It breathes a spirit of earnestness for the advancement of Cuba and is very much pleased with the assistance that is so generously given by our government. The La Union takes special interest in the advancement of agriculture.

—Mrs. Elida Chase of East Smethport was performing a most commendable work the first of the week. She was soliciting subscriptions to raise funds to assist in erecting a house for the unfortunate Mr. Near, whose house was destroyed by fire last Saturday, with not a cent of insurance upon the structure. Mr. Near is about 84 years of age and if anyone ever needed assistance he does. The MINER hopes that our many charitably inclined people will assist the unfortunate man as far as possible. If they lack the funds a day or two of labor will be gratefully accepted.

—On Monday afternoon Col. F. P. Morrison and Frank Baker came down from Hazelhurst and boarded the evening train for Coudersport, where they will erect a 24-blower plant, the same size as the glass plant here. Quite a number of men passed through here for Coudersport early in the morning. The Colonel informed the MINER that the contracts had all been signed and that work would be rushed to completion as soon as possible.

—Last Saturday after the fire M. G. Stickles gave to Foreman James McGeier of the hose company, a ten dollar note, for saving his property from destruction. This action is highly commendable on the part of Mr. Stickles. If more property owners were generous to the hose boys when their property was in danger of destruction it would have a tendency to encourage the boys in their zeal and make them more energetic than ever if such a thing is possible.

—The Raftsman's Journal credits the Potter Journal with the posse ditty beginning, "shall out the nickels and dig up the dimes." No, thanks, neighbor, we didn't originate it and don't want credit for it. It appeared in this paper in December last, but was very properly credited to "Ex," as it seemed to be one of those stray lambs of literature anybody may own.—Potter Journal. Look here, Mahon, no more of this ewe-less pruning, or you will get such nonsense lambed out of you.

—Last Sunday at 3 p. m. Messrs. Holmes & Gilfillan started the erection of a shanty for the accommodation of the Italians. The building is 12x30 feet in size, double boarded floor and sides with heavy felt paper between the boards. The roof has three thicknesses of boards. By seven o'clock the building was completed, with a door and window and a gas stove and lights. Frank Sartwell furnished the lights and Mr. McComb the livers. Talk about quick work; the erection of that building takes the cake in this section.

—The endless chain shoe scheme has struck St. Marys and Glen Hazel. In the latter place they fairly went wild over the scheme until the town became flooded with unsold coupons and then those who had been "faked" stopped to find out where they were at, only to realize that they were easy pickling.—Kane Republican. There is a young man in this town who will be rather wary of handling the above scheme in the future. In less than two days this week he has paid the express charges on two worn-out pairs of shoes from Olean.

—During the past week Smethport has been visited by a large number of prominent railroad officials who are looking after the affairs of the new railroads which are being constructed, and the people of Smethport are highly elated over the prospect of having two new railroads run through the borough. The progress made in building the Pittsburg, Shawmut & Northern railroad is remarkable. The recent railroad war will probably wind up in the courts. An amicable settlement made on Sunday is regarded as merely a temporary affair.—Bradford Era.

—C. W. Lilgendahl has a very complete shop on Mechanic street. The building formerly used by Mr. Wetenhall has been nicely fixed up, as a wagon and paint shop. Into this Mr. Lilgendahl has moved his gas engine, planer and saw. The lower front room will be used to display work and trimmings. Upstairs is a large room for taking vehicles apart and thoroughly cleaning them. In front are two rooms which will be used for paint rooms. They have been nicely plastered and are dust proof. He has a competent corps of workmen and is pardonably proud of his well conducted shop.

—Two years ago on Decoration Day carriages were offered to the veterans who desired to ride to the cemetery, but only two availed themselves of the offer. Most of the veterans are so well preserved that they dislike to accept this offer, preferring to assume the military step of which they were so proud in '65. If those veterans who will accept the use of carriages on next Decoration Day will kindly send their names to the MINER office, arrangements will be provided for them. This offer is made in the most kindly spirit and the MINER hopes the veterans will accept it in the same spirit.

—Last Saturday was quite an exciting day. Ere old Sol poked his nose over Prospect Hill our town was invaded by a large force of Italians, who soon went to work on the new railroad. As our steady burghers were enjoying their midday repast the fire alarm sounded and all rushed to discover where the fire fiend was getting in its fearful work. The house of G. W. Near at East Smethport was destroyed. About 2 o'clock there was quite a lively scrap by a couple who ought to know better. Considerable blood was spilled but no serious damage was done. Afterwards there was a little bluster and chew between railroad officials. Taken all in all it kept the idlers quite busy all day.

—Help the virtuous poor item from the Florence Bulletin: W. V. Smith, living south of Florence, claims to have the longest whiskers in the world. They measure five feet in length and are still growing. Mr. Smith is ambitious and wants to travel with a circus. He would like to know if you know of any one who can match his whiskers. Mr. Smith would be thankful if the newspapers of the State would take up his beard and discuss it. His postoffice address is Florence, Kansas, and he will gladly answer any correspondence. Mr. Smith is an old soldier, has half a dozen wounds and is worthy of any consideration that might be extended to him. Exchanges please copy.—Kansas City Journal.

—A meeting of the most prominent manufacturers and business men of Kane was held at the Thompson House on Wednesday evening. Elisha K. Kane submitted estimates for building a standard gauge railroad to Mt. Jewett to connect with the Erie R. R., and Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg Ry., and over Mr. Kane's own system of railroads with the Western New York & Pennsylvania R. R. at Smethport. A very flattering showing was made of prospective business. A company was organized and the meeting was adjourned until Monday evening next to secure additional subscription to stock. It is proposed to construct the road during the summer, so that through connections for Smethport can be made as soon as Smethport R. R. is running.

—Thomas Keenan of Duke Centre Monday night, heard a strange noise outside his house like the rush of a strong wind. He went out and was surprised to see a large bird that had been attracted by a large gas light that burns in the yard. The bird would rise in the air and then swoop down toward the light with a velocity that caused the unusual sound that Mr. Keenan had heard and then it would repeat the operation. Mr. Keenan entered the house and procured a shot gun. He waited until the bird came down again and just as the strange visitor turned to rise once more he pulled the trigger. The bird dropped. Upon examination it was found to be perfectly white with the exception of a tinge of gray on the wings. It had web feet and a long round, pointed bill. It resembled in many respects a sea gull, except for the corpulance of its body. Stretched out the bird measured 38 inches from tip to tip. Mr. Keenan has the bird on exhibition and it is attracting a great deal of interest.—Bradford Star.

—A postage stamp by itself is a small thing. And we have become accustomed to paying a cent or two for one that we have no conception what it may be in the aggregate. Now let us contemplate the latter in the light of a recent statement. The number of two-cent stamps issued during the last year was about 2,500,000,000. An ordinary two-cent stamp is exactly one inch long. By a little calculation it is easy to discover that the number of stamps of this denomination issued in 1898, placed end to end, would extend a distance considerably exceeding 39,000 miles. In other words, they would make a continuous strip of stamps, each one adorned with the head of the Father of His Country, stretching in a belt more than once and a half around the equator.—Lancaster Examiner.

—At 12 o'clock on Saturday the Extract whistle at East Smethport sounded. The alarm of fire, which however was not noticed by many because of the hour. It was found that the house of Geo. W. Near at East Smethport was in flames. Crowds of people instantly flocked to the burning building and did all that could be done to save the household goods. The bedding and kitchen utensils could not be reached, but most of the other goods were rescued from the flames. A family named Raymond lived in part of the house and their loss was also quite heavy. The fire started from a stove pipe that had been put through the roof of a lean-to, which was used as a kitchen. By the time it was discovered by the inmates of the house it had gained such headway that it could not be checked. The alarm was not given at the hose house until about twenty minutes after, consequently they were without hose. The flames ran from the garret of the lean-to between the sheeting and long before the fire department got there the entire upright part was in flames. By dint of hard work by the hose boys and bucket brigade the building of M. G. Stickles on the right and that of Mrs Sloan on the left were saved. The building of M. N. Allen, across the street, was on fire several times, but no damage was done. The loss is a hard one to Mr. Near. He is an aged man and had but a cent of insurance on either building or household goods. An estimate of $3,000 would hardly cover his loss. The Raymond family have moved into the Caulfield house.

The New Railroad.

Last Sunday our town was all excitement as to whether the new road would be extended or not. The consensus of opinion seemed to be that it was a "mere bluff." But such is evidently not the case. The object of the haste seemed to be to get the track laid in order to prevent Mr. Kane from gaining an advantage, which they succeeded in doing. They have now a temporary track laid past and beyond either point that Mr. Kane will be liable to select.

The MINER has been assured that the road will be built, as far as Hazelhurst without delay, and will be pushed to completion the whole length of the line as fast as possible. Men, material and all appliances are coming as fast as they can be secured from the outside. There will undoubtedly be a broad gauge engine and cars put on for construction purposes in a few days. It will not be long ere we can hear the cry all aboard for Hazelhurst.

McKean Co. Teachers' Examinations.

Examinations for professional certificates will be held as follows for the year 1899:

Morrisons	Thursday	March 30
Corydon	Friday	" 31
Kane	Saturday	April 1
Custer City	Tuesday	" 4
Bennet Branch	Wednesday	" 5
Foster township, Foster Brook school house	Thursday	" 6
Eldred	Friday	" 7
Ceres	Saturday	" 8
Mt. Jewett	Tuesday	" 11
Colegrove	Wednesday	" 12
E. Smethport	Thursday	" 13
Duke Center	Saturday	" 15
Mt. Alton	Monday	" 17
Turtle Point	Wednesday	" 19
Port Allegany	Thursday	" 20
Smethport	Wednesday	July 5

Examinations begin at 9 a. m.

Applicants should bring foolscap paper and lead pencil.

The examination on July 5th is for those who are attending school.

A certificate will not be granted to a person of immoral character.

Directors are invited to be present at these examinations. They are requested to notify their teachers of these dates.

The employment of a teacher without a valid certificate is illegal.

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PERSONAL MENTION

Rev. P. W. O'Brien visited Olean last Tuesday.

W. A. Grinard of Instanter was in town on Wednesday.

John O'Brien of Bradford was a visitor in town last Saturday.

Chas. McKean returned Saturday from a visit to Straight Creek

E. I. Marsh of Eldred visited town on business Monday night.

Hon. R. R. Stone of Bradford attended argument court this week.

A. L. Colegrove and Att'y G. B. Mayo visited Hazelhurst Sunday.

Gustine Cable of Bradford was a pleasant caller at this office yesterday.

J. F. Howard of Clermont was circulating among friends in town Saturday.

Editor Tom McClellen of Mt. Jewett was transacting business in town Saturday.

W. S. Holman of Rescwo was the guest of T. H. Ryan and family over Sunday.

Mrs. W. D. LeRoy and child of Bradford were guests of the Central Wednesday.

Attorney D. H. Jack of Pittsburg was in attendance at argument court this week.

Attorney A. P. Huey came down from Kane Tuesday to attend argument court.

B. F. Beckwith of Farmers Valley was a most agreeable caller at this office yesterday.

Attorney W. J. Milliken of Bradford was greeting his many friends in town Tuesday.

Attorney E. E. Tait of Bradford came over Monday night on railroad business.

S. P. Rickard of Farmers Valley was a most agreeable caller at MINER office Monday.

Col. Darius Rogers came down from Kane Tuesday to investigate the railroad excitement.

Hon. R. R. Stone of Bradford was a most agreeable caller at the MINER office Wednesday.

Attorneys H. E. Shaffer and J. E. Mullin of Kane were transacting business in town Tuesday.

C. A. Duke and Charlet Brown of Duke Center were transacting business in town Wednesday.

John P. Melvin of Bradford was a most agreeable caller at the MINER office while in town Tuesday.

Miss Tina Powell of Bradford has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Leon Hogarth for about a week.

Edwin Floyd, "the sweet singer of Erie," was in town Wednesday singing the praises of his lubricating oils.

Elisha K. Kane of Northequa was circulating around town last Saturday talking railroad to beat the cars.

Supt. J. C. McKenna came over from Bradford Saturday afternoon to take part in the railroad excitement.

Mrs. W. G. Smith, formerly of East Smethport but now of Olean, was a most agreeable caller at the MINER office Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Olmsted of Utica, Ohio, arrived here last Friday night to visit Mrs. Olmsted's parents Dr. and Mrs. H. E. McCoy.

Abe Martin came over from Jamestown last Tuesday. He could not resist the temptation of coming over to see the railroad excitement.

A. G. McComb of Bradford seems to be quite a hustler when it comes to organizing a gang of workmen and starting a new railroad project.

Attorney C. W. Catlin, Port Allegany's candidate for nomination as district attorney on the Republican ticket, was in town the forepart of the week.

Mrs. John G. Todd visited her former home in New Castle last Friday. John G. does not seem to be favorably impressed with keeping bachelor's hall.

G. L. Fennerty of Bradford, who was with the 10th Regt. at Porto Rico, has been here for over a week assisting in the construction of the new railroad.

Major John Byrne and H. S. Hastings of New York and B. E. Wellenstadt of St. Marys, prominent officials of the new railroad, were here Tuesday last.

A. M. Boardman of Derrick City, candidate for nomination as county commissioner on the Republican ticket, was a pleasant caller at the MINER office on Wednesday.

Chief of Police Matt Ruddy of Bradford was transacting business in town Wednesday. The arduous duties of police captain do not seem to wear heavily on Mr. Ruddy's shoulders.

Mr. and Mrs. Orlo J. Hamlin returned home Friday from an extended wedding tour lasting from Jan. 4. They report having had a most enjoyable time. The MINER with a host of friends welcomes them home, and wishes them continued happiness.

George Root of Olean and James M. "Battle Ax" Fox of Danville, Va., were guests of the Central Wednesday. If any of the MINER'S readers desire to become acquainted with the most interesting current news of the day, they would be justified in calling upon these two distinguished gentlemen. They are up-to-date on all matters of interest.

School Report.

Following is the report of the Smethport schools for the sixth month:

PRIMARY.

Total attendance, 81.
Per cent. of attendance, boys, 92; girls, 94.
Following pupils were not absent during the month:

Frank Rathbun	Hal Lewis
Mamie Bagley	John Sherburn
Clinton Clark	Fred Taylor
Addie Engstrom	George Trimble
Elmer Holland	Elva Anderson
Karl Lyman	Laura Gavin
Creighton Burlingame	Julia Miller
Harry Holland	

Visitors—Mr. Frank Smith, Mrs. Will Merrill, Mrs. J. N. Forsythe.

Mary I. Dibble, Teacher.

SECOND AND THIRD GRADES.

Total attendance, 62.
Per cent. of attendance, boys, 89; girls, 84.
The following were not absent during the month:

Fred Anderson	Elmer Illingsworth
Zeta Braasted*	Rena McCammon
Bessie Robinson	Ora McCammon
Maude Jackson	Ella Baker
Addie Gavin	Fred Burlingame
Gilbert Bradley	Alfred Bush
Scott Cairo	Geo. Barrett
Roy Dibble	Truman Kessler
Edwin Todd	Lonie Bates
Winnifred Clark	Ella Gratiot
Alan Eckert	Floyd Heath*
Bessie Holland	Thos. Shaughnessy
Ralph Herrick	Willard Todd

Visitors—E. B. Mayo, Mrs. Lindsley, Mrs. Specht.

Rose Allen, Teacher.

FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADES.

Total number in attendance, 55.
Per cent. of attendance, boys, 94; girls, 90.
Pupils not absent during the month:

Anna Bates	Edna Baker
Nellie Brendan	Margaret Shaughnessy
Dessie Davis	Maude Heath
Martha Bendel	Sidney Burdick
Grace Herrman	Roy Colegrove
Ruth Holmes	MacArthur Gorton
Donna Lyman	Fred Trimble
Rosa Jefferson	Herbert Trimble
Mamie Priest	William Pruth
Olive Todd	Karl Bulger
Nilah Shaughnessy	

Visitors—Mrs. B. C. Young, Mrs. Chas. McBean, Mrs. Tait.

M. S. Hibbard, Teacher.

SIXTH AND SEVENTH GRADES.

Total attendance, 59.
Per cent. of attendance, boys, 90; girls, 88.
The following pupils were not absent during the month:

Lloyd Armstrong	Estella Rubin
Ward Weaver	Myra de Vaine
Fred Beyer	Eben Gord
Chester Townsend	Lena Jackson
Lloyd Downer	Nina Sherer
Harold Bennett	Beulah Holder
Myron Gallino	Alberta Hazlovinet*
Addie Mosier*	Eva Trimble
Margaret Bleyer	

Genevieve Stevenson, Teacher.

EIGHTH GRADE.

Total attendance, 33.
Per cent. of attendance, boys, 95.5; girls, 97.
The following pupils were not absent during the month:

Earl Abbey	Ethel Tull
Edwin McGuire	Lucy Gratiot*
Ray Gerrard	Mable Camp
Rachel Magee*	Grace Mason
Eva Bessler	Rose Siggal
Percy Green	Jessie McCammon*

Visitors—E. B. Mayo, Leo Koenig, Mrs. Chas. McKean, Mrs. F. E. Tait, Master Edwin Bodine.

Stella Tait, Teacher.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Total attendance, 61.
Per cent. of attendance, boys, 94.7; girls, 98.6.
The following named pupils were not absent during the month:

Fred McCarty	Chas. Mason*
Geo. Sweezan	Hettie Brown
Harley Jackson	Rachel Rhoda
S. L. Morrison*	Bertha Jackson
Shell Sawyer*	Beatrice Gifford
Claude Patterson	Estelle Martin*
Elmer Kinney	Amanda Anderson*
Ward Baxter	Mamie Colegrove
Eugene Dudley	Marie Conley
Harry Bliss	Anna Serratore
Harry Camp	Florence Stuart

Visitors—E. E. Mayo, Leo Koenig, H. C. Wells, Miss Chas. McKean, Mrs. F. E. Tait.

Those not marked with a star were neither absent nor tardy during the month.

W. F. Specht, Principal.
Alice J. Bickers, Assistant.

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LARABEE.

Miss Cora Windsor of Granere is a guest at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. W. E. Windsor.

W. H. Prentiss, wife and daughter, Robena, drove over from Prentiss Vale Saturday evening.

The Misses Esther and Anna Berg came down from Smethport Friday returning Saturday evening.

Chas. Foster and Walter Windsor departed for Crosby Tuesday where they have secured employment.

Miss Grace Carpenter is home from Farmers Valley on a short vacation.

Mrs. Ada Taylor visited at the home of Patrick Layden at Sartwell during the first of the week.

H. M. Lillibridge of Port Allegany was a pleasant caller in town Monday.

Jerome Stull and B. F. Cory of Coryville were transacting business in town Monday.

Miss Laura Acre is spending a few days at the home of Miss Katherine Baker.

E. C. Hubbard, who has been wrestling with the mumps, tinctured with grip, is now convalescing.

Miss Lilly Layden visited at G. H. Squires on Tuesday last.

Erve Squires drove to Sartwell Sunday afternoon returning Monday.

Mrs. E. S. Carpenter and daughter were shopping in Eldred Tuesday.

Mrs. D. Daily visited in Smethport Monday and Tuesday.

ANNIN CREEK.

Mrs. H. S. Plummer is on the sick list.

Arch Holcomb was over from Rixford the first of the week.

S. K. June and son have begun sugar making.

Wm. Buckley was doing business in Olean Monday and Tuesday.

George Granger has gone to Hornellsville.

Mrs. S. E. Wightman is visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Fuller of Wrights.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Marsh were called to Wellsville Tuesday to attend the funeral of his mother.

H. A. June went to Buffalo last week and had a tumor removed from his side. The tumor had troubled him for a number of years. He came home the next day after the operation and is able to do light work.

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Shines. The white hazed light of morning lies
On the throat recovering with the full and
rise
Of her low pulse as of a silent sea.
The thick coils of her hair cling shoulderingly
To her white shoulder: her deep-lidded eye
Heavily roused as in a dull surprise
Looks through the vacant shadows: earth

Her touch is to the waters. Then a sound
Of a stream slipping past unsteadily
Shows in her restored light and where no flame
But ebbs, her head sways back her arms unbend.
With her white feet and wrist dropped scarcely
Gleams through heaven and earth and finds no
home.

—Algernon

THE BLACKSMITH.

Mrs. Parker the blacksmith's wife was hurrying along the street toward her husband's shop.

It had been her dark cast in for years to carry him his dinner and as he always declared he could tell to a minute how much time was consumed in going to and from the shop.

He was a big burly fellow with a scowling countenance and a temper strong enough to fell an ox and whose disposition was none of the best people were careful not to provoke him to anger.

His wife was his opposite in every particular she being a tidy little creature of a mild nature and like Alice of "Ben Bolt fame trembled with fear at his frown.

Why she ever chose Parker as a husband or why he selected her for his wife was a matter of comment as there seemed to be no love between them. Yet Mrs. Parker was a faithful spouse and strove to administer to her husband's comfort, though she never received anything but harsh words and surly looks for her pains.

Glancing at a clock in a shop window, she perceived it was past the dinner hour and her heart sank within her in anticipation of the scolding she was sure to receive as the blacksmith set punctuality above all things.

On reaching the shop she was relieved at not seeing her husband within. The place, however bore evidence of his recent presence, and everything indicated that he had taken a hasty departure. A fire blazed in the forge and a horse shoe, which still retained its warmth lay upon the anvil. Mrs. Parker glanced around in hope of finding a suitable spot on which to place the dinner pail but, seeing nothing more convenient than the anvil, deposited the pail beside the horseshoe and took her departure.

Upon arriving home she busied herself with household affairs as he was a thrifty housewife despite any their shortcomings.

That evening when Parker returned from his work he was in no better than usual and his ordinarily scowling countenance was on this evening more than usually lowering. He flung his dinner pail upon the table with a force which startled his wife into a realization that she fully expected the vials of his wrath to be poured upon her as nothing at his wife was Parker's chief occupant when at home. But strange to say on this occasion he never even looked toward her but strode across the room and, taking a basin of water began removing the traces of toil from his hands and face, after which he made his way into an adjoining room for the purpose of substituting fresh garments for his grimy ones.

Mrs. Parker breathed more freely as the door closed sharply behind him and she picked up the pail and examined it. A sigh escaped her as she discovered a deep dent in the side which had come in contact with the table. On removing the lid she perceived that the nice meal she had prepared had been scarcely tasted. As the sigh escaped her as she emptied the contents of the pail into a receptacle near by.

Presently a rat-tat-tat sounded upon the door and Mr. Cobb stood without. Mr. Cobb was a short, stout individual with a bald head and ruby red countenance, a coroner by occupation by-the-by, notwithstanding the gloomy nature of his business, he was a jolly chap, and frequently dropped in to enjoy a chat with the Parkers, with whom he had struck up a sort of friendship in the younger days he had been something of a sweetheart but this fact was unknown to many of his late acquaintances.

"Oh, good evening Mr Cobb" Mrs. Parker said as she perceived her visitor "Walk right in. James will be here directly. He has gone to get cleaned up a bit.

Cobb entered the kitchen and took a seat. Mrs. Parker continued her work.

"You are as industrious as ever I remarked, glancing at the pail she was relishing. "I don't believe satan ever finds any mischief for your hands to do.

"Well, I always find plenty to keep me busy" she replied smiling at the implied compliment.

The blacksmith's wife was invariably pleased at a tribute to her industry. "I believe it, answer 3 4 11 "as I never yet have seen you idle. Hello, Parker – as the blacksmith appeared. "How are you? I suppose you have heard of the murder.

"I—no," replied Parker confusedly. "What murder" And as he spoke he turned toward the mantelshelf and began filling a pipe with tobacco.

"I supposed every one in town had heard of it by this time" said Cobb "news travels so fast.

"I have no time for gossip" said Parker with a frown.

"Certainly not. But one cannot always avoid hearing of certain happenings. Well, old man Jenkins was found dead in his barn this afternoon.

Mrs. Parker clasped her hands together in speechless horror.

"How do you know it was murder" queried the blacksmith sitting down near the visitor but not looking at him.

"It seems like it," answered Cobb, crossing one leg over the other as he seated himself more comfortably in his chair. "And there are several wounds on his head, any one of which was enough to cause death.

"Poor poor man" wailed Mrs Parker, rolling her eyes heavenward. "Why did any one do such a cruel thing?"

"Robbery could not have been the motive, as Jenkins always boasted that he never carried money on his person. But some one might have had a grudge against him.

"Yes," assented the blacksmith applying a match to his pipe and taking a few preliminary puffs. "Will you smoke, Cobb? There is an extra pipe here.

"No, thanks. I never indulge" answered Cobb, surprised at the blacksmith's unusual hospitality. "Oh by the way Parker I came to summon you."

The pipe fell from the blacksmith's mouth and the tobacco was scattered far and near while a perceptible tremor ran through his sinewy frame.

"What do you mean" he asked hoarsely, and his face grew ashy white.

Cobb stared in amazement at the effect his words produced.

"I mean you must appear at the inquest, which takes place tomorrow at 9 o'clock sharp."

"Oh, yes, of course," said Parker with an unnatural laugh, as he reached for his pipe. "But, you know, Cobb, I never could look at a corpse."

"Nonsense," laughed Cobb, derisively. "The idea of a big fellow like you afraid of a dead man."

"I am not afraid," protested the other, "but I cannot do what you ask."

"But you must. There is nothing more to be said about it," answered Cobb decidedly.

"A fool made such a custom as that," muttered the blacksmith, rising to refill his pipe.

"Of course," assented Cobb pleasantly. "Every one is a fool who dares to differ with ourselves." Parker construed the remark as a threat at him self and his face grew dark with rage. He clinched his fist as though he would deal his visitor a blow. The instant Cobb's eyes fell upon the hand he cried out:

"Why how did you hurt your hand?

Parker with a half muttered curse quickly drew the member out of sight but the next instant thrust it forward again.

A dark purple bruise extended across the knuckles.

"It struck it" he explained sullenly "It amounts to nothing.

It must have been quite a hard crack said Cobb lightly. "Well I must be going. Goodby Mrs Parker. Mrs Parker Don't forget to morrow morning at 9 o'clock and with this parting injunction he left the house.

His face was a study as the frightful expression which he wore left his countenance. There was that in the blacksmith's manner which set him to thinking and there dawned on his mind a suspicion that Parker knew more about the murder than he cared to tell and he (Cobb) could get him to confess a plan to force a confession from him. At last he hit upon one he deemed expedient and forgetting where he was he burst forth aloud:

I'll do it by Jove I'll do it. The experiment is worth trying.

The next morning the coroner and his jury assembled in the barn where lay all that remained of Samuel Jenkins. It was a ghastly looking corpse with eyes wide open and numerous cuts and bruises about the head and face. The blacksmith avoided facing the dead man as he fancied the latter was looking at him so he kept near the door which was out of the range of those wild staring eyes. He trembled like a person with the ague. But only one man present observed his uneasiness, and that was Mr Cobb. He watched every movement. As the men drew near to examine the body they all fell back in consternation as a voice proceeded from the dead man saying "Yonder stands my murderer. Seize him!"

Horror was depicted upon every countenance as each individual stared at his neighbor.

But the blacksmith with a wild shriek of terror fell back against the wall. Instantly all eyes were riveted upon him.

Then as though something impelled him forward he staggered to the feet of the corpse.

Yes I killed you! he screamed his eyes fastened on the dead man. "But you struck the first blow. You did! in the fight his victim had denied the charge. You would not pay me so I followed you here. We had words and you aimed a blow at my head which I warded with mine. Put I warded it off and you struck me behind with a rail. I laugh. I had no weapon but mine is served me well and I struck you down. Oh take curses from my face. Be cried with renewed frenzy. Take them away I say. You will not? Then there is but one way to get rid of them and before the awestruck assembly could interfere he quickly drew a knife from his coat and stabbed himself to the heart. Then with a low gasping moan Justice Parker the blacksmith sank dead upon the floor. Chicago News.

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A young American sitting near him said: "I think the word is better as the plural form of knife is changed when it has a technical or common meaning."

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THE LOVE SIGN OF THE ROSE.

She trained a little rose to grow
And cross the gate above
And breach I love the pathway on
That leads me to her love
And oft my heart before me goes
To read the love sign of the rose

Though many blocks her lovers tryst,
To me it seems as fair
As if an angel's hand at rest
Amid the solar there
For I can see as on it beckons
On the dear love sign of the rose

The pattering of little feet
When shadows flee the light,
And rosy morning sends that meet
And me kiss me at night—
These my glad hearts recaptured know
At the dear love sign of the rose

Not for away I'm safe as all stray
In path or land or main
While over life's perilous ways May
Shine a goals sweet flame
Which ever falls fresher one heart and
knows
Best at the love sign of the rose
—Frank L. Stanton in Atlanta Constitution

MIRIAM'S DREAM.

"You won't really go at this time of the year will you"

"Rather I'd go in December if Dick were at the end of the journey.

"Well I could not cross the Atlantic in the mid le of November for a dozen sweethearts.

Miriam laughed at Polly's fun, she and her Dick had been separated for three years and now he had fallen into a good berth at Toronto and had written to her to decide whether they should both spend their winter in loneliness or whether she would go to him and settle down at once as his wife.

Miriam did not hesitate a moment. She set aside the shortest time possible for winding up her affairs in England and arranged to sail in the Bivonian from Liverpool to Halifax.

"But you'll have a dreadful overland journey after that. It must be a long way to Toronto" said her friend Nora.

"I don't know how you'll get through all by yourself.

"Ah, but I'm not going to. Dick has been sent by his firm to New York on some business and he intends to take a berth in the Meldrum a cattle steamer which will bring him to Halifax about the same time that I get there.

Miriam was in a fever of joy and was altogether oblivious of such small matters as into a cold a pitching rolling ship and battened down hatches. The good ship finally sighted and at last a morning came when the sun shone fair and the waves sank into a comparative calm. Passengers swarmed on deck congratulating each other on their escape from peril and the occupants of the two boats felt for that the worst was over. He was to and fro beside, stamping up and down to keep the ill air circulating in his feet when amidst of them he saw a strange speck dancing on the waves.

As he drew nearer he found it an apparently empty boat and he sent off one of his boats to tow the stranger to the steamer. When it reached the side however the lump form of a sailor was lifted from it. Under care and good treatment the blood began to run again through his stiff veins and he was able to tell what had befallen him. But before that happened his boat had been landed on deck and the name upon it—Meldrum—made known.

"How funny" cried Miriam "A steamer sailing from New York to Halifax is named Meldrum."

"Aye missie," said a sailor ominously "and this is one of her boats."

"But how can it be? How could it have got loose out here"

"If that poor chap lives he can tell us that and no one else perhaps.

After some time the sailor's words began to beat into Miriam's stupified brain. She tried to speak to some one standing near but her tongue would not move only her knees shook so much that she nearly fell. Her neighbor drew her to a seat.

"Is the Meldrum wrecked" Miriam asked with tragic eyes.

"I do not know but I hope not. That poor fellow will tell us if he lives."

That evening it was known that the Meldrum had collided with another vessel in the storm and that although all the boats had been lowered they had one after another been swamped. The rescued said that just jumped into one when its ropes snapped and he was therefore the only person saved.

The stewardess took the tidings with a cup of tea to Miriam as she lay inert and despairing on her sofa and she let the woman gossip on her news without uttering a sound. At last the stewardess went away and Miriam lay still not thinking only suffering.

Later she crawled into her bed where through the night, visions of Dick as a boy as a youth as a man rushed through her mind. Sometimes she saw his face shining through the darkness but when she clasped him round the neck he was cold as ice and wet with salt water.

Then she was out on the upper deck and not alone. By her side stood some one huge man a giant who seemed to reach to the sky. His clothes changed their color from light to dark from black to brown. His great body undulated all the time and when he put his arm round her he seemed to be surrounded with ices suffocating warmth. Then he pointed a long arm to the northeast and seemed to slip farther and farther away though he still stood by her side the monster lengthened into miles. Miriam followed him with straining eyes when a flash of light rising lit up the sky and sea. It played for a moment round a distant spot which the giant was touching and in that moment she saw a picture which she never forgot.

In the little circle of light a boat rocked helplessly upon the waters. Under a sail were crouched some dozen people trying by huddling together to keep the warmth in their bodies. She knew that Dick was there and called his name shrilly. There was a sudden movement in the human heap a white face peeped out, and then the vision passed.

Miriam lay in her berth the new dawn already lightening the sky. Then feverishly she got up and went on deck to see nothing but the gray sky and grayer sea to hear nothing but the throbbing of the engines and the songh of the wind and waves. Breakfast time came but she heeded it not. For hours she stood immovable gazing to the northeast over the bulwarks. What did that dream of hers mean? Was Dick floating somewhere helplessly without oar passengers?

It was noon when the wind veering, sent a cloud of smoke over her head and a shower of black smudges upon her hands. With them came a passing sensation of warmth. This slight incident awoke some vague memory connected with her dream. The black column of smoke, changing at its edges to brown thinning out until she could see the gray sky through it starting ever from her side and yet reaching far into the distance, caught her eye.

Inspiration followed quickly. The smoke was the giant of the night before and where it pointed lay Dick and his companions! Sight danced into her eyes, hope beat strongly in her heart. She turned a glorified face to the ship. What could she do? How save them?

She saw a foot surmounted by blue cloth moving methodically on the deck above and in a moment flew up the stairs leading to the captain's bridge. The captain turned round sharply at the sound of strange footsteps, and peremptorily ordered her down. Clutching his arm she cried:

"Captain! They are out there under the line of smoke! A dozen survivors of the Meldrum are drifting helplessly and nearly dead."

The captain glanced in the direction indicated. How should this frantic young woman have seen what his practised eye could not discern? But he guessed that she was the person they said had lost her lover in the wreck.

"My dear" he cried patting her hand "go to your berth and lie down. You are in great trouble.

But the haggard hopeful eyes stared brightly at him.

"For the love of humanity captain use your glass. You will see them I know you will.

To humor her he took a careful survey of the horizon, upon which the sun was shining. At first he shook his head then he stood for a long time examining the spot under the thin veil of the line of smoke. He rubbed his glasses well and looked again then said quietly:

"Something is there. Sit down in that corner and wait.

The course of the steamer was altered slightly and a boat was lowered once more to gather in the ocean's drift. To his surprise the captain saw that the distant object was really a boat with oars on it. How could the girl have known it? Then the group of people became visible, all evidently in the last stage of exhaustion and he went over to Miriam and told her to look through his glass and see if her friend were there.

She took it from his hand with a wild sob and gazed long and steadily at the coming boat, then gave the glass back in the midst of a passion of weeping nodding her head to signify that she had seen Dick. Then she set herself to regain self control by the time the boat came in. When it did she was waiting in the hospital for her beloved.

For the next 24 hours she shared the duties of nurse with one of the ward-esses and saw Dick's eyes open with the first gleam of consciousness in them. With a contented look at her he fell asleep, and on the ship's arrival at Halifax he with all those who had been saved were well enough to be moved to more comfortable quarters on shore.

The captain made friends with Miriam during those few hours and learn'd how it was that she knew the boat was afloat. He could hardly believe it and he could not explain it but was contented to accept the fact as it stood and to be present at the simple ceremony which made Dick and Miriam man and wife.—Buffalo News.

Effect of an "H"

A cockney whose name was Ogton which he following the usage of his class pronounced Hogtown settled at the beginning of the present century in the city of New York, where he did business as a trader. His packing of the h was the occasion of a postoffice story which Dunlap the author of the "History of the Arts of Design" tells.

Before the days of the postoffice box Ogton he called day after day to inquire if there were any letters for John Hogtown.

"None sir" was the invariable answer.

"Very strange" said he feeling uneasy about the goods he had ordered from England and the bills of exchange he had remitted.

One day after the usual question "Any letters for John Hogtown" his eye following the clerk noticed that he was looking among the letters beginning with H.

"Ollo" cried he, "what are you looking there for" I said John Hogtown.

"I know it sir and I am looking for John Hogtown and there's something for you.

"Nay nay" shouted John "Don't look among the batches containing the hoes. And among the letters found a pile of letters addressed to John Ogton which had been accumulating for many a week.

Secret of the Telephone Discovery

Professor Alexander Graham Bell is reported to have explained in this way how he came to invent the telephone as follows:

"My father invented a symbol by which deaf mutes could converse. Finally I invented an apparatus by which the vibrations of speech could be seen and it turned out to be a telephone. It occurred to me to use the machine that would enable me to hear vibrations. I went to an instrument maker and advised me to take the human ear as my model. He supplied me with a dead man's ear and with this ear I experimented and upon applying the apparatus I found that the dead membrane would reproduce the vibrations.

"I arrived at the conclusion that if I could make iron vibrate as a dead man's ear I could make an instrument more delicate which would cause those vibrations to be heard and understood. I thought if I placed a delicate piece of steel over an electro magnet I could get a vibration and thus the telephone was completed.

"The telephone arose from my attempts to teach the deaf to speak. It arose from my knowledge not of electricity but as a teacher of the deaf. Had I been an electrician I would not have attempted it.—Electrical World.

The Drawback

Beardman was a writer of plays who rarely failed well known in his day. For nearly 20 years he struggled and fought his way along without meeting with any very pronounced success, each play in turn proving more or less of a failure. At last however he produced a play that really caught the public taste. He and the famous Sheridan happened to be present together on the opening night. All went well. Success followed success, and applause greeted and ended each scene. At the end of the second act Beardman's elation got the better of his discretion and leaning over toward Sheridan—as usual too witty to be merely sympathetic—he exclaimed:

"Sheridan Sheridan it's going to be a success, a complete success!"

"Ah yes, murmured Sheridan with exquisite compassion in his voice "too bad, too bad!"

"Too bad!" stammered his friend completely taken off his guard. "Why too bad that it should prove a success"

"Because now" retorted Sheridan "it'll take you another 20 years to convince any one you wrote it."—Town Topics.

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